GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
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SUPPLY OF SUB STANDARD FERTILIZERS
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken note of the sale and distribution of spurious /sub-standard fertilizers in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of such complaints received/cases reported along with the action taken against the persons involved in such activities during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether there is any mechanism to check the quality of fertilizers supplied/ sold to the farmers;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the corrective steps proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard; and ;

(e) whether fertilizer quality testing infrastructure is available in the country and if so, the details thereo?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI NIHAL CHAND)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. The State Governments are the enforcement agencies and empowered to take appropriate administrative and legal action against those not complying with the provisions prescribed in Fertilizer (Control) Order, 1985 regarding sale and distribution spurious/sub-standard fertilizers.

As per the information provided by Department of Agriculture and Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture, the state-wise/UTs-wise details of samples analyzed and found sub-standard and action taken by the State Governments on non-standard fertilizers during 2010-11 to 2012-13 is enclosed as Annexure-1(3 pages).

(c) to (e): Yes, Madam. There is a mechanism to check the quality of fertilizers which is under the control of Department of Agriculture and Cooperation (DAC). The specifications of all the fertilizers are specified under Fertilizer (Control) Order, 1985. The fertilizer Inspectors, under the Ministry of Department of Agriculture and Cooperation (DAC) are empowered under Clause 28 of Fertilizer (Control) Order, 1985, to draw the samples to test and analyze in the laboratories notified under Fertilizer (Control) Order, 1985. The Clause 19 strictly prohibits the manufacture, sale etc. of fertilizers, which are not of prescribed standard.

Fertilizer Quality Test infrastructure is available in the country under the control of Department of Agriculture and Cooperation (DAC). The statement showing details of state-wise number of notified laboratories is given at Annexure −II (2 pages).